GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:159
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2001
UNUTILISED DEFENCE LAND
RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a vast area of defence land is lying vacant and unutilised in various parts of the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have drawn any plan to bring the said land to use;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the unutilised land is being offered to various organisations for commercial purposes; and (g) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 159 FOR 1.8.2001.

Defence lands are meant for meeting the present and future needs of the Armed Forces. Thus, no defence land is surplus to our defence requirements. Large areas of land belonging to the Ministry of Defenceare kept vacant for various uses such as: parade grounds, training grounds, also as Small Arms Firing Ranges. All other land seemingly lying vacant or unutilized, is actually earmarked for construction of accommodation, offices and other defence utilities.

However, subject to suitability for defence purposes, some of these lands are proposed to be exchanged with the State Governments unhindered and occupiable lands of equivalent value. There is no proposal for allotment of any such land to any private organizations for commercial purposes.